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SUBJ: VISIT TO CONUS BY MINISTER OF DEFENSE, GENERAL MENDIETA

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D. SECDEF ASD/ISA 220036 Z FEB 73

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1. ABOVE REFERENCES GIVE BACKGROUND OF MENDIETA' S CONTINUING REQUESTS

TO BE INVITED TO VISIT THE U. S. BY DOD, AND DOD' S INABILITY THUS FAR TO EXTEND INVITATIONS ON A SPONSORED BASIS.

2. MENDIETA HAS RAISED THE QUESTION AGAIN WITH COMUSMILGP IN CONNECTION WITH HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO BRUSSELS WHERE HE WILL ATTEND A CONFERENCE IN JUNE. HE PLANS TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES BETWEEN JUNE 15-25 ON HIS WAY BACK. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY GENERAL VICTOR GONZALEZ AND THE WIVES OF THE TWO GENERALS. THE TRIP TO AND FROM THE U. S. WILL BE AT THE VISITORS OWN EXPENSE.

3. GENERAL MENDIETA HAS EXPRESSED THE DESIRE TO CALL ON THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, VISIT WEST POINT, ANNAPOLIS, THE INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE COLLEGE AND THE INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE.

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4. MINISTER MENDIETA IS THE CHIEF LOGISTICIAN TO THE BOLIVIAN ARMED FORCES. HE CONTROLS THE BUDGET, INSTALLATION, CONSTRUCTION, PURCHASE OF THE CONSUMABLES AND HARDWARE FOR THE ARMED FORCES. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO ARRANGE THE VISITS MENDIETA HAS REQUESTED. WE FURTHER RECOMMEND THAT DOD ASSUME THE COST OF TRANSPORTATION WITHOMMENT: SHAH VIEWS IRAQI ATTITUDE AS DEMONSTRATED IN RECENT NEGOTIATIONS AS BEING QUOTE SILLY, COLONIALIST, AND IMPERIALISTIC UNQUOTE. HE POINTS OUT THAT HE HAS DE FACTO DESTROYED 1937 TREATY BY HIS ACTION IN SHATT AL- ARAB SEVERAL YEARS AGO. IRAQI ATTEMPT TO RE- ESTABLISH STATUS QUO ANTE HE SIMPLY REGARDS AS INDICATION OF DEEP DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. INCIDENTALLY, SHAH APPEARED DISGUSTED WITH QUOTE HOW CHEAPLY UNQUOTE PRESIDENT BHUTTO SETTLED WITH IRAQIS DURING RECENTLY VISIT TO ISLAMABAD OF IRAQ EDUCATION MINISTER. SHAH EXPOSTULATED, QUOTE WHAT DOES BHUTTO EXPECT TO GAIN FROM THE IRAQIS IN THIS FASHION? UNQUOTE HELMS

NOTE BY OC/ T: NOT PASSED BAGHDAD.

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